

Republic of the Philippines  
**NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION**  
EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City

MC# 12s, 2000

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT  
ADMINISTRATORS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND  
STAFFS, REGIONAL IRRIGATION MANAGERS,  
OPERATION/PROJECT MANAGERS, IRRIGATION  
SUPERINTENDENTS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION  
ENGINEERS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **NSCB BOARD RESOLUTION NOS. 1 AND 2**

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) in a letter dated 09 June 2000 informed the NIA about the latest developments in the Philippine Statistical System by way of the new NSCB Board Resolution Nos. 1 and 2, approved by its Executive Board as quoted hereunder:

**"NSCB Resolution No.1  
Series of 2000**

**APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERFORMANCE  
MEASUREMENT SCHEME FOR NATIONAL STATISTICAL AGENCIES AND  
OTHER DATA PRODUCERS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of Article III of the Constitution provides that "*the right of the people to information on matters of public concern is recognized and that access to official records, and to documents, and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as government research data used as basis for policy development shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law*";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) is a highly decentralized system where many agencies gather, compile, process, aggregate and disseminate data in accordance with their respective mandates;

**WHEREAS**, the rapidly increasing demand for information has raised user expectations and more pressure on the quality of official data;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to monitor and assess the performance of national statistical offices and other data producers in order to determine the capabilities of agencies in responding to the needs of their clients and other stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the results of the monitoring process shall be used for advocacy, promoting public accountability of statistical offices, rationalizing allocation of resources, benchmarking purposes, and for revising the performance measurement, whenever necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Executive Board approve the performance measurement scheme for national statistical agencies and other data procedures.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000, in Pasig City.

Attested by:

**(Sgd.) ROMULO A. VIROLA**  
Secretary General

**NSCB Resolution No. 2**  
**Series of 2000**

**APPROVING THE GUIDELINES ON THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE  
DESIGNATED STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, a System of Designated Statistics was established under NSCB Memorandum Circular No. 01-94 for the generation of critical data for decision-making of the government and the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, the soundness of methodology is one of the criteria being used in the designation of statistics;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 352 issued on 1 July 1996 designates a list of statistics and statistical activities including the agency responsible, and other metadata such as frequency of data collection, geographic disaggregation and schedule of availability;

**WHEREAS**, succeeding NSCB Board Resolutions have been issued to designate additional statistics/activities;

**WHEREAS**, EO 352 provides that agencies need to always improve the implementation of statistical activities, but "any modification, addition or deletion from the above list shall be approved through a Board Resolution by the NSCB in accordance with its implementing guidelines";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Guidelines on the Modifications to the Approved Designated Statistical Activities.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000, in Pasig City.

Attested by:

**(Sgd.) ROMULO A. VIROLA**  
Secretary General

## **GUIDELINES ON THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DESIGNATED STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES**

All agencies are hereby enjoined to adopt the following guidelines on the modifications to the designated statistical activities:

1. Coverage of this Guidelines: All approved designated statistical activities as listed in Executive Order No. 352, and in NSCB Executive Board Resolutions No. 8, s. 1996, No. 3, s. 1997, and No.1, s. 1998, and all other related Board resolutions to be issued hereon.
2. Modifications to the approved designated statistical activities shall refer to changes in any of the following aspects:
  - a) Title of designated statistical activity
  - b) Frequency of conduct
  - c) Geographic disaggregation
  - d) Schedule of data dissemination
  - e) Methodology, particularly those that would significantly affect the implementation of the statistical activity in terms of concepts and coverage of key indicators, sampling design, extent of response burden, cost-effectiveness, and reliability of results.
3. All modifications in the designated statistical activities, as defined above, shall be reported to the NSCB Technical Staff at least three (3) months prior to implementation. The NSCB Technical Staff shall then review the said modifications, in consultation with the designated agency and relevant Inter-Agency Committees/Technical Committees/Task Forces, and submit recommendations to the Board.
4. Once approved by the NSCB Executive Board, the designated agency shall implement accordingly and inform the public of the approved modifications as required under the General Standards for Statistical Information Dissemination (GSSID) issued under NSCB Resolution No. 8, s. 1999.
5. The NSCB Technical Staff shall monitor the implementation of these Guidelines in accordance with the NSCB Executive Board approval".

For your information.

  
**MANUEL S. AREVALO**  
Administrator

June 29, 2000